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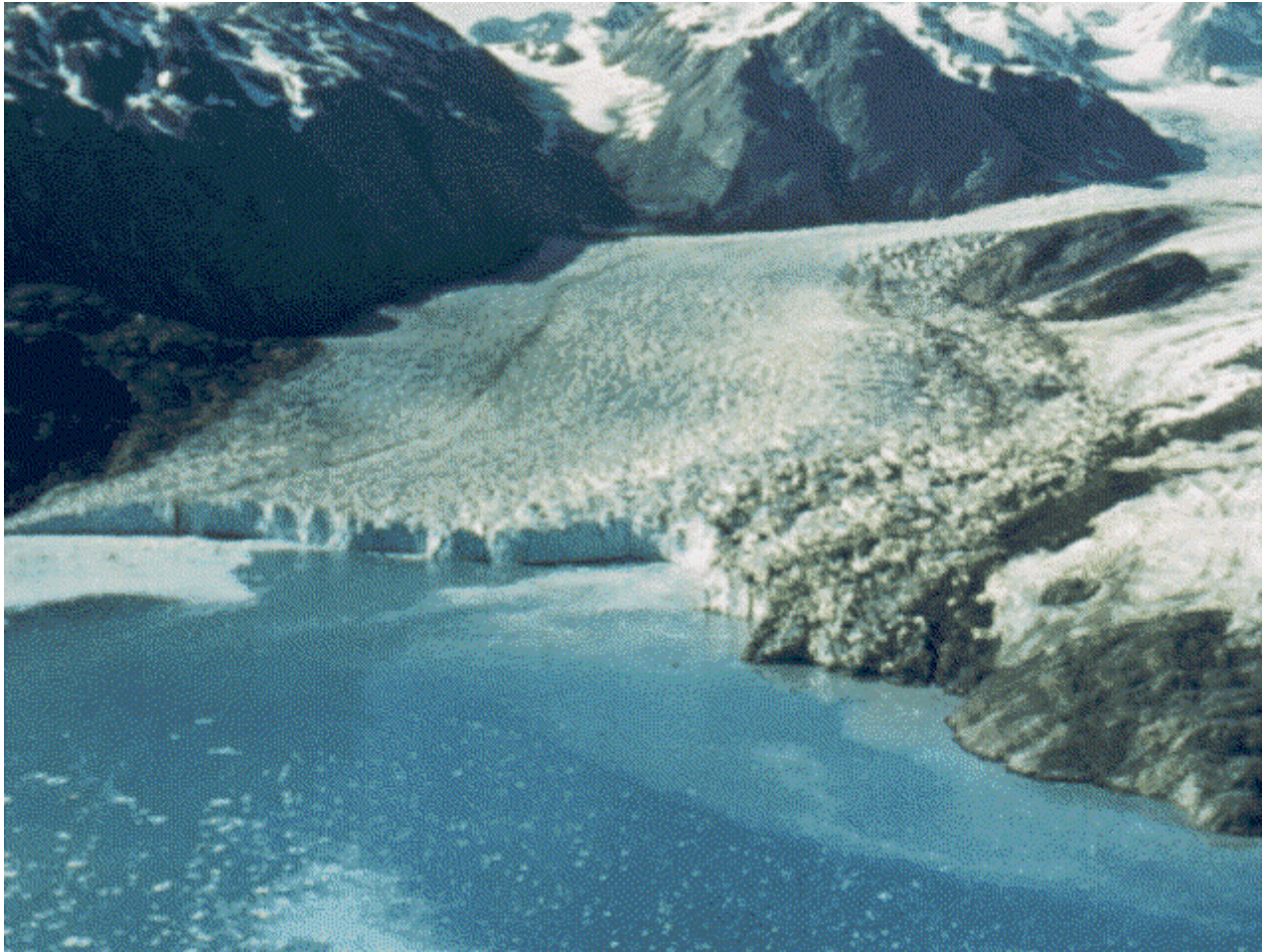
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Mount St. Helens



Between 1980 and 1986 there were a number of small steam and ash eruptions as a series of dome building eruptions built the 1000-foot tall lava dome in the crater. This is a view of a dome shattering explosive eruption that occurred in the fall of 1982.
[P.Frenzen, USDA Forest Service, 1982]



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Mount St. Helens - 3 years after



Blowdown forest protected by snow near Mota Lake. Snow protected Pacific silver fir and mountain hemlock trees near Mota Lake three years after the eruption. Re-sprouting shrubs are also visible.
[P.Frenzen, USDA Forest Service, 1983]



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Mount St. Helens - 9 years after



Same view of blown down forest near Mena Lake nine years after the eruption. Note that the snow-protected trees have grown and numerous snow-protected shrubs have also resprouted.
[P.Frenzen, USDA Forest Service, 1989]



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Mount St. Helens - 14 years after



Same view of blown down forest near Meta Lake 14 years after the eruption. Note the comparative large size and continued growth of the snow-protected trees and shrubs.
[P. Frenzen, USDA Forest Service, 1994]



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Launching New Forest Policy

-  Director of Environmental Programs memorandum - 1999
-  Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment) initiative - 2000








Director of Environmental Programs Memorandum

-  Emphasizes two values
 - ? Military mission
 - ? Biological diversity
-  Has been in implementation for a year







PDASA(I&E)Initiative

-  Observation and listening
-  Reinforce a direction toward ecosystem and mission focus - Memorandum to Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management
-  Conduct an audit on forest stewardship - Army Audit Agency
-  Review past, present, and future forest policy - direction to Army Environmental Policy Institute
-  Emphasis to leaders - AWEEC agenda






Our Forest Values

-  Military missions
-  Ecosystem functions
-  Carbon sequestration
-  Timber if we have excess capability







ACSIM Directions

-  Continue move to ecosystem-oriented forest management
 - ? mission requirements are first priority
 - ? Assess current guidance
-  Include NEPA analysis in timber sale decisions
 - ? Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans
 - ? Special emphasis areas
-  Maintain monitoring programs



ACSIM Directions (continued)

-  Natural resources professionals
 - ? Minimize commercial influence
 - ? Stay involved in clarifying suitability for contracting
-  Provide flexibility in selling timber
 - ? Authorizes ACSIM to allow installations to sell timber
 - ? Directs that guidance be developed
-  Reduce unsustainable forest management incentives
-  Engage in DoDI 4715.3



Self Proclaimed Precautions

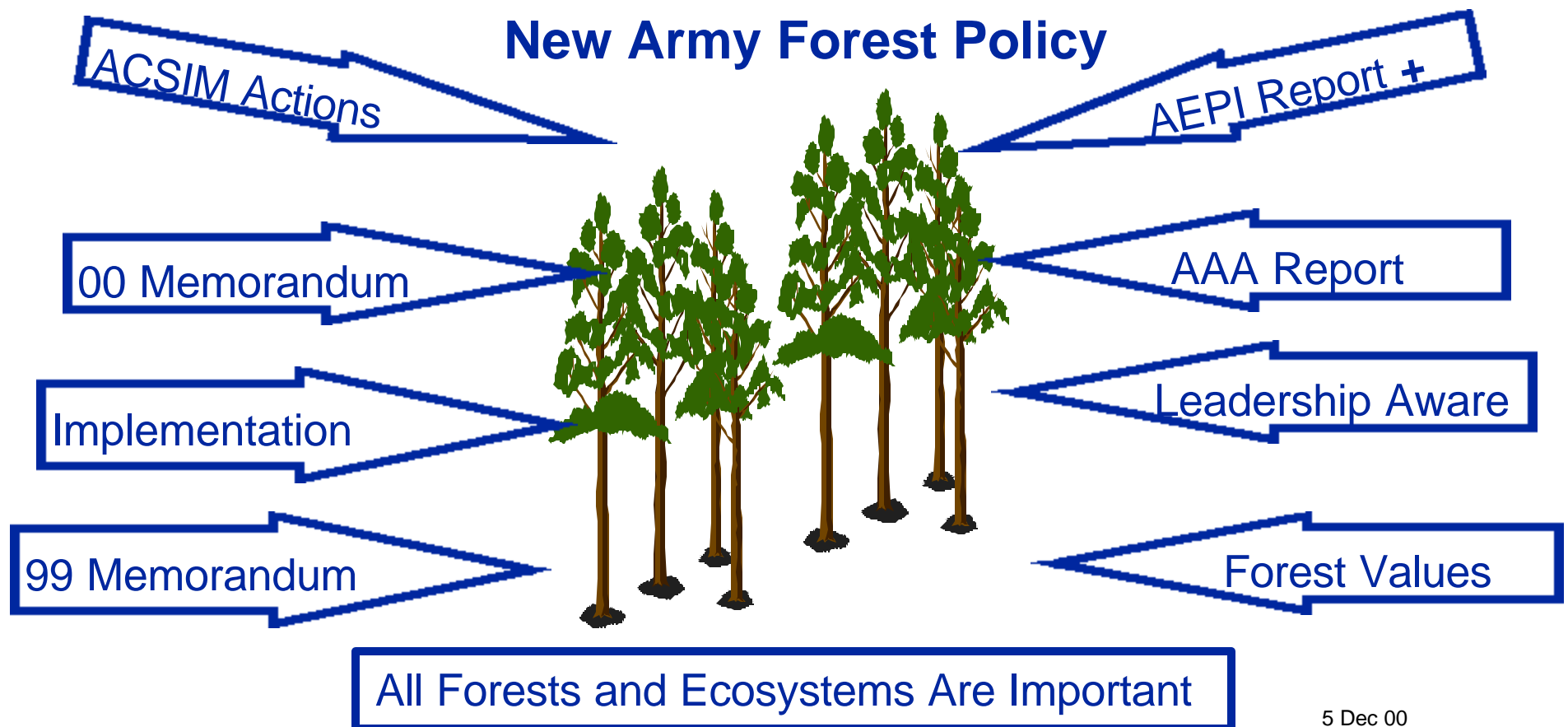
-  All ecosystems are important to the Army
-  All forests are important to the Army



Summary

Necessary Elements Are in Place to Launch a

New Army Forest Policy



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